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Chairman Kevin Martin
Commissioners Michael Copps
Adelstein
Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate
McDowell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Commissioner Jonathan

Commissioner Robert

Re: WC Docket No. 07-52

Dear FCC Chairman and Commissioners:

While the U.S. has been a pioneer in developing many new technologies, currently, our nation lags our international partners in broadband. In many parts of America, broadband services remain limited or too costly for larger numbers of consumers to afford. Given the life quality and economic benefits delivered by the Internet, consumers without Internet access are in danger of being left behind permanently. When consumers miss out on opportunity, their community suffers too. That's why Clergy Strategic Alliances places such high importance on delivering broadband services to every part of America.

Clergy Strategic Alliances works to foster strategic collaborations for programs or initiatives that lead to more cohesive communities. Because of our strong relationships in the religious community we are able to build strategic alliances between foundations, labor organizations, and non profit corporations, to work with the faith community in a way that allows every institution to maintain the integrity of its mission and achieve. The Internet has proved to be a valuable tool in accomplishing our objectives and in empowering our constituents.

The FCC's Notice of Inquiry on broadband comes at a critical time in the development of the Internet. The emergence of a new range of video services is placing new demands on the Internet – demands that a growing number of experts say could lead to on-line gridlock unless we add significant new



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network infrastructure. Meeting these changing circumstances should be a clear national goal in establishing broadband policies.

We need a policy environment that provides incentives for Internet Service Providers to take advantage of new technologies, expand networks, and hasten deployment – both wireless and wireline -- to underserved communities. But new government regulation, as advocated by supporters of net neutrality, will make the needed expansion harder to achieve. Policies that discourage new investment will tend to perpetuate the digital divide and put America further behind internationally.

We urge the FCC to focus their efforts on policies that will expand the Internet's capacity and say "no" to regulatory proposals, including net neutrality, that will limit its development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. J. Turner".

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